Sl. No.	Yard	No. of vessels	Category of vessels
			One-Landing Ferry. Four-Passenger vessels. One-Fire Float. One-Grab Hopper Dredger. Two-Mooring Boats. Two-Light vessels. One-Light House Tender vessel.

(e) Permission for placement of orders with foreign shipyards is given for the following reasons :—

(1) Inadequate indigenous capacity of Indian yards;

(2) Long delivery period of Indian yards;

(3) High capital costs;

(4) Lack of capability to build large ships above 75-85,000 DWT which are required for the Indian fleet;

(5) Lack of adequate level of technical knowhow and expertise for building of specialised ships such as Ammonia Carriers, Ethylene Carriers, Hovercrafts, Cellular Container vessels etc.

Construction of Aircraft Carrier at Cochin Shipyard

4194. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the capacity and lay out of the Cochin Shipyard has been studied for the construction of an aircraft carrier;

(b) if so, whether the Cochin Shipyard will be used for the construction and repair of warships inclusing the aircraft carrier; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No decision has as yet been taken to construct a new aircraft carrier. The facilities available at the Cochin Shipyard are, however, being utilised by the Navy for carrying out repairs/refits of warships, including INS Viraat.

Charge Chrome Units

4195. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Charge Chrome units in the country despite their full capacity utilisation and being export-oriented are unable to compete in the international markets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of assistance given or proposed to be given by the Government to the Charge Chrome units to boost the export of Charge Chrome ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Steep fall in international

prices of Charge Chrome, shortage of power and high production costs have led to a fall in the value of exports of Charge Chrome of 100% export oriented units (EOU) and prevented full utilisation of their production capacity.

(c) All facilities for export, available to 100% EOUs, including duty free import of capital goods and supply of raw materials and components at international prices have been available to the 100% EOU Charge Chrome manufacturing units. Cash Compensatory Support at full rate was made applicable to their exports during 8-1-91 to 2-7-91. A package of incentives, including grant of Exim Scrips @ 30% of net foreign exchange earnings, has recently been announced for all 100% EOUs.

Funds for Balasore-Jaleswar OT Road in Orissa

4196. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Balasore-Jaleswar OT Road in Orissa, being implemented with Central assistance, is behind schedule;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the cost of the project and the extent of Central assistance component,

(d) the details of funds so far released and the funds allocated for the current year; and

(e) the extent of work done so far and the target date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project was Rs. 232.00 lakhs out of which Rs. 199.97 lakhs is Central assistance.

(d) The full amount of Central assistance of Rs. 199.97 lakhs has been released till 1989-90, hence no allocation has been made during the current year 1991-92 by Govt. of India.

(e) Physical progress ending March 1991, in terms of work completed, is reported by the State Govt. to be as follows :—

(1) Earthwork in 25.50 Km.

(2) Morrum shouldering in 36.50 Km.

(3) Slope protection in 9.00 Km.

(4) Culvert—9 Nos.

(5) Minor bridges—5 Nos.

(6) **Metalling & Black Topping :**

(a) Single Lane—17.75 Km.

(b) Intermediate Lane—3.20 Km.

(c) Double Lane—1.00 Km.

The target date for completion of balance works is reported by the State PWD as March, 1992.

Central Assistance to States to acquire Sophisticated Machines and Equipments for Road construction

4197. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government assist the state Governments in acquiring sophisticated machines and